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Dear Howard,

It was not my last night's expectation that the Post would today dedicate itself to validating what I told your students.

Do take a look at the page-one headlines if you have not thrown the paper away. I have a clear recollection of Carter having made pointed response to the Ford charge yet I see no reference to it.

The record between the Post and me on this is much more extensive than I remind Bradlee, much more dishonest. I did offer them the rights to Frame-Up in advance, for one example.

Anyway, I think your class could learn from critical analysis of today's Post. Especially on the "review" of the McMillan book.

Perhaps you can see from this the changes that have taken place in me, my manner of speaking and writing and my attitudes, belief and approach to my work. It represents what I think I face constantly and the basis for believing I have to provide detail so that those who have been subjected to this from all sources will have a basis for believing what by andlarge people are unwilling to believe.

Dinner and meeting Ann and the boys was a real pleasure for me, as was the occasion for recalling so much from the distant past. I'm sorry I lost track of time and lengthened your long day.

Before I fell asleep last night I was reminded of my other intersts in that area, of before World War II yet currently topical with one. Bluegrass music as it is now called is the kind I said I used to hear on the courthouse steps. I had planned and researched a story on it. It would not be investigative reporting but could make an interesting piece today. There was a woman from Ashland named Thomas who started an effort to preserve that kind of folk music and had an annual festival. She was the clerk or court reporter for a circuit riding judge. Travelled with him as I recall by horse. She was before her time. But many of the old ballads exist because of her.

Harry from the Nation was going to send me Greenberger's address. If you speak to him I'd appreciate your reminding him.

When you mentioned the O'Neills I should have asked if it would be possible to speak to them the afternoon of the 29th. I'll be in court that morning. I do not expect that session to last long. The judge, Pratt, has been slapped down vigorously by the appeals court. He is also one of those I had in mind in referring to the judges as adjuncts of the Department of Justice. I will be doing something unorthodox about this before the 29th. He may or may not address it then but I do not expect anything to keep me in court past the morning.

Again my thanks,